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April 1, 2005

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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

AB 783 (Jones), as introduced, would require the State to pay for expenses incurred by local governments in the preparation and conduct of elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senate or Representative in Congress. It also provides that where an election is consolidated with a local election, the State would only pay for those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk recommends that the County support AB 783 because of its favorable fiscal impact, and we concur. Support for this measure is consistent with the County's support of AB 547 (Longville) during the 1999-2000 Legislative Session. AB 547 revised primary election laws to require the State to pay for expenses incurred by local elections officials for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the Legislature, or in the United States Senate or Congress. AB 547 was chaptered on October 10, 1999, but it sunset on January 1, 2005. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support AB 783.**

AB 783 is set for hearing on April 5, 2005 in the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. This bill is supported by the California State Association of Counties, Sacramento County, and the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials, if amended, to be retroactive to January 1, 2005 to allow Sacramento County to recover

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the costs for a recent special Congressional election. There is no known opposition at this time.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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